

Please! Cell phone usage on the aircraft would only ADD negatively to the confusion and safety of the entire flight experience for everyone. I can tell you first hand from a Lead Flight Attendant's honest point of view. Paxs board with their phones to their ears and do not hear any of the safety and security announcements, let alone any professional welcome aboard greeting. Second, cell phone usage during boarding slows down everything, which irritates those pax who are just trying to get to their seats and stow their stuff. Third, just trying to get pax to adhere to the current rules of cell phones, laptop computers, computer games, etc., is a real problem in itself, no matter how good and professional you are at negotiating. Fourth, can you imagine everyone on their cell phones at once, talking loud to hear over the next guy, possible vulgar language usage, carrying on long and loud conversations on long flights when pax are trying to sleep, eat, or watch a movie? Remember the tv commercial of the guy in the next booth loud and obnoxious in a restaurant? And most of all Safety! This is really an unnecessary and dangerous subject to even think about allowing aboard airborne aircraft. Before cell phones, pax did just fine using payphones in the airports. Sure luxury and convenience is fine, but this would open a whole new Mega Problem, along with all the added "little problems", related to it.

Please consider all the Cons. I believe they override any Pros.

Respectfully submitted,

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